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For: COMPUTER FRAMEWORK AND METHOD
FOR ISOLATING A BUSINESS COMPONENT
FROM SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATIONS OF A
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**DECLARATION UNDER RULE 1.131**

I, Kemi Ibitayo, declare:

1. I am a co-inventor of the above-identified application.
2. I have been continuously employed by Sprint in various capacities as a software developer since June 1998. At the time of the invention, I was working in the Business and Technical Architecture (BTA) Group at Sprint, whose function was to develop software tools for release to and use by others within Sprint.
3. As evidence of the actual reduction to practice of the invention claimed in this application, attached hereto as Exhibit A is the Invention Disclosure Form.
4. Paragraph 12 of the Invention Disclosure Form requests that the inventors provide a detailed description of the invention. In response, a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Java_Persistence_Framework_Overview.ppt" was referenced, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

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5. The PowerPoint presentation entitled "Java_Persistence_Framework_Overview.ppt" accurately reflects and describes the content thereof, which is the subject matter of the present invention.

6. Paragraph 7 of the Invention Disclosure Form indicates that the invention is ready for commercialization, which indicates that the invention had been successfully tested by the BTA Group and was ready for distribution to and use by others within Sprint prior to the time that the Invention Disclosure Form was created.

7. As further evidence of actual reduction to practice of the invention claimed in this application, attached hereto as Exhibit C is the Technical Reference Guide.

8. At the time of the invention, the ordinary course of business within the BTA Group was to create the Technical Reference Guide following successful testing of the invention and in conjunction with the release and distribution of the invention for use within Sprint (i.e., commercialization of the invention). In other words, the Technical Reference Guide was created as a support document to be distributed with the release of the invention, and therefore the Technical Reference Guide typically was not prepared until after the invention had been successfully tested.

9. The Technical Reference Guide accurately reflects and describes the content thereof, which is the subject matter of the present invention.

10. The Technical Reference Guide attached hereto was printed from an electronic Microsoft Word file having a date of January 27, 2000.

11. Having refreshed my recollection by reviewing Exhibits A-C and based upon my further independent recollection of development events, the invention claimed in this application was actually reduced to practice via successful testing prior to creation of the Invention Disclosure

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Form of Exhibit A and the Technical Reference Guide of Exhibit B.

12. All pertinent dates which have been removed from Exhibit A are prior to January 14, 2000.

13. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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